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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00182

For Exemption from Physical
Collocation at its Appalachia,
Driver, Haysi, St. Paul, Swords
Creek, and Westover Central
Offices

PRELIMINARY ORDER

On September 6, 2002, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a request for exemption (hereinafter "Application") from the requirement to provide physical collocation in its Appalachia, Driver, Haysi, St. Paul, Swords Creek, and Westover central offices. In its Application, Verizon Virginia states that the information provided to support each request fulfills the requirements set out in the Commission's Rules Governing Physical Collocation Exemptions, 20 VAC 5-421-10 et seq.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered these requests, is of the opinion and finds that interested parties should have the opportunity to file comments on Verizon Virginia's requests; that the Commission's Staff should investigate the requests for

exemption and file a report; and that Verizon Virginia should have an opportunity to file its response to all comments and the Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before October 18, 2002, interested parties may file comments in response to Verizon Virginia's exemption requests for its Appalachia, Driver, Haysi, St. Paul, Swords Creek, and Westover central offices.

(2) The Commission Staff shall investigate Verizon Virginia's exemption requests and file a report on or before November 18, 2002.

(3) Verizon Virginia is granted leave to file its response to all comments and the Staff Report on or before December 6, 2002.

(4) Verizon Virginia shall respond to interrogatories and data requests within ten (10) days of service. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.